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Operational

Project

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1. As a result of the visits of [] and receipt of reference, it appears to us that we will be involved in Project [] sooner than anticipated from earlier correspondence. It is deemed advisable, therefore, to draw to your attention some of the problems which we believe require consideration:

a. The proposed activity is quite different from that envisaged in our original clearance from [] for the establishment of the base station. The operation of the necessary radio circuits to the [] control station is technically prohibited by the existing authority. It would appear that some discussion should be held with [] to offset any possible future embarrassment resulting from our proceeding without prior clearance.

b. Since additional property, personnel, and radio activity are involved, it would appear also necessary to make some statement to appropriate personnel at the [] We do not believe, however, that we would have to indicate the true nature of the project in this connection.

d. We feel that the [] installation at [] should not, unless absolutely necessary, alter the general plan for the completion of the station, including antenna farms. [] had already requested [] and contractor to schedule the work so that the operating rooms would be completed first, that is, prior to offices, store rooms, sick bay, etc. Assuming that this is possible, space tentatively considered for the [] personnel should be the first available. Headquarters should be aware, however, that if [] is initiated in September, considerable interior work by contractor and our own people will of necessity be going on simultaneously.

2. You will understand our need for considerable additional information and guidance if we are to take action in connection with this project prior to the arrival of [] personnel and equipment. Our only action thus far taken has been the informal determination that the suggested OP site was []

3. We would appreciate receiving further details and instructions at an early date

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